

Reorganization of Region II

The addition of the construction inspection program (CIP) activities to Region II will require a reorganization to ensure appropriate management oversight of the initial CIP efforts, as well as the safety oversight of Region II operating reactor and fuel facilities. The staff evaluated the organizational needs for effective oversight of the CIP activities using some general assumptions about construction inspection program staffing needs. The staff proposes a parallel organization to the existing Region II organization for operating reactors for the construction activities that will report to a Deputy Regional Administrator for Construction (DRA-C) (Attachment to Enclosure 2). Assuming that the new reactor construction activities occur as currently envisioned, the parallel organization would develop over time to include a Division of Construction Projects to manage the onsite inspectors and a Division of Construction Inspection to manage the specialized and vendor inspection resources. The Office of New Reactors (NRO) will fulfill the Headquarters oversight responsibilities.

To ensure an effective organizational transition and to conduct the necessary planning and development needed to implement the CIP when actual construction activities begin, the position of DRA-C would be established in October 2006. A planning and development group would be formed and report to the DRA-C. This group would initially be comprised of approximately 10 senior staff members. The primary functions of this group would be to assist NRO in inspection program and procedure development, develop training and qualification requirements and materials, develop hiring and recruiting plans, skills analyses, and strategies, and complete detailed planning for implementation of the initial CIP activities. This organization will also be able to start development and training of construction inspection staff by using them to inspect fuel facility construction activities that are ready to begin in Region II.

As more definitive plans are known regarding possible construction inspection activities, the organization will evolve into the proposed organization shown in the Attachment to this Enclosure, which would include 3 to 5 SES managers, depending on how many reactor units are simultaneously under construction.

Proposed Alternative Regional Structure

